

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

February 4, 2015



Sunset at Chimney Rock, Point Reyes
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Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)

SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

- An Atmospheric River (AR) system will be making its way across the California Coast and over portions of Northern California starting Thursday and lasting through Monday. The AR should bring several waves of precipitation to the area.
- The precipitation is forecast to begin early Thursday morning across the entire region. The 12-hour period from 0400 to 1600 hours Friday is when the rainfall is expected to be the heaviest. Then there will be a lull in the rainfall amounts Friday night into Saturday morning, as the precipitation will be in the form of showers. The next weather system moves in Saturday afternoon and evening generating another round of light to moderate rain. There will be a second lull with the rain in the form of showers from late Saturday night into Sunday morning as the region is again between systems. The next weather system moves in Sunday afternoon into Sunday evening. Then rain showers again on Monday. The rain showers are expected to end Monday night.
- Impacts include:
 - Localized urban and small stream flooding with Main Stem River flooding possible.
 - Winter road conditions expected Thursday and Friday above 5500 feet.
 - Occasional power outages over higher terrain due to strong southerly winds.
 - Potential for debris flows near wildfire burn scars.
- The California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) is projecting that the following will exceed flood stage on 02/07/15:
 - Eel River at Fernbridge
 - Navarro River at Navarro
 - Sacramento River at Tehama Bridge and Vina Woodson
 - Projected flood stage heights currently do not pose a significant threat to homes.
- High Wind Watch, Thursday evening through Friday evening for portions of: Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Mono Counties.
- Flood Watch, Thursday evening through Friday evening for portions of: Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, and Siskiyou Counties.
- Flash Flood Watch, Friday morning through late Friday evening for portions of: Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

SITUATION SUMMARY

Inland Region Winter Storm Preparedness

- The Cal OES Inland Region Management and the Cal OES Inland Region Duty Officer (IDO) will be conducting a conference call this afternoon with the National Weather Service Weather Forecasting Offices (WFOs) and the Operational Areas (OAs) in preparation for the upcoming storms.

Coastal Region Winter Storm Preparedness

- The Cal OES Coastal Region Management and the Cal OES Coastal Duty Officer (CDO) conducted a conference call on Tuesday night with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Flood Operations Center (FOC) and three NWS Offices (Monterey, Sacramento, and Eureka).
- Per the NWS, Mendocino is likely to be hardest hit, with impacts also possibly affecting Humboldt, Lake, Sonoma, and Marin Counties.
- The Coastal Region will be conducting conference calls with the NWS, Operational Areas (OAs) and state agencies at 1100 and 1600 hours today, 02/04/15, in order to gather situational awareness, anticipated needs, and possible activations.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought
- Plumas County Drought BoS Minutes received
- Bi-weekly Drought Brief is attached

How Wet will it Get?

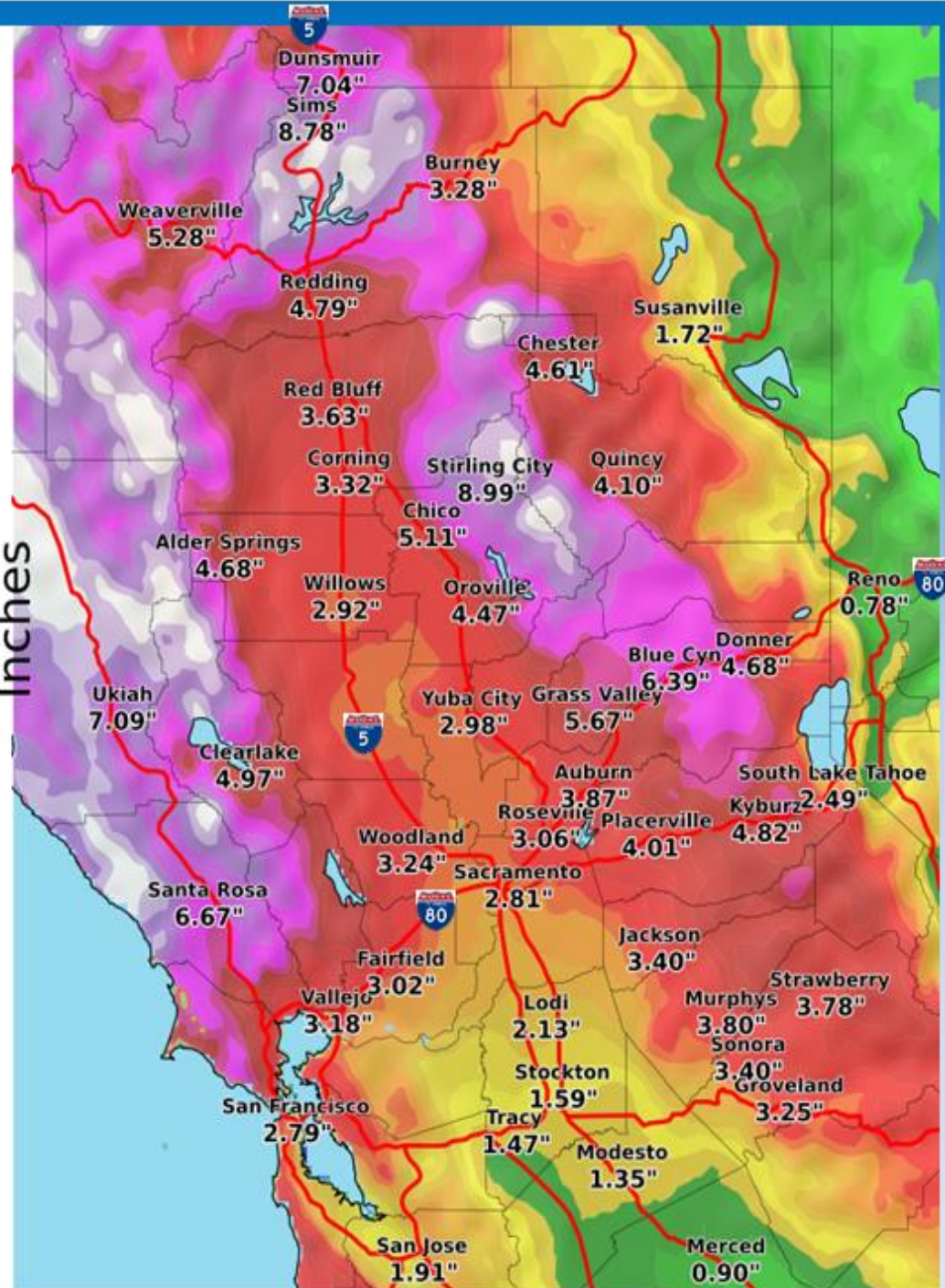
Liquid Precipitation Totals (Thurs-Mon) →

This storm will bring a notable amount of rain, but it won't do much for our snowpack.

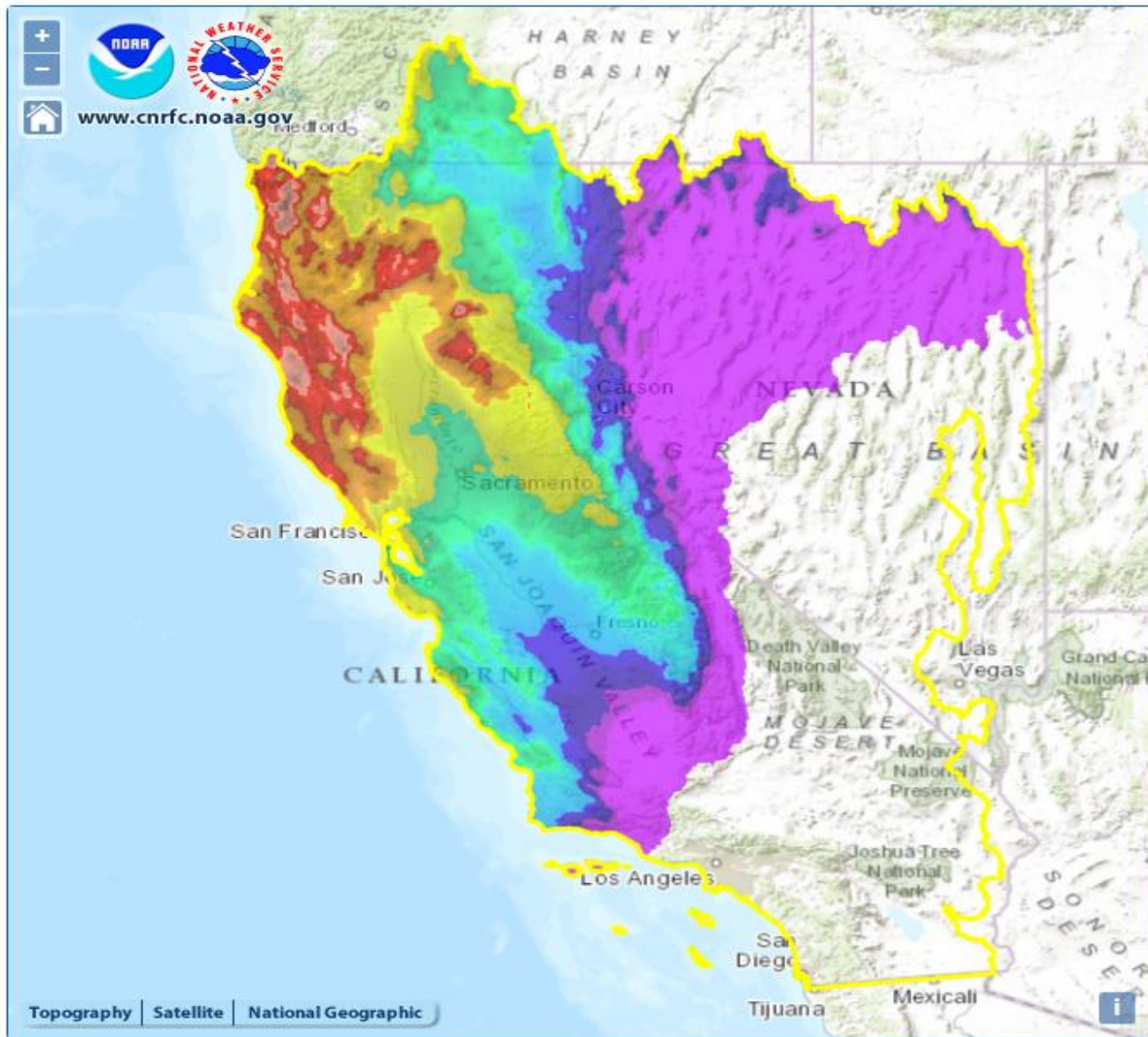
Snow levels could initially start 5000-6000 ft then rise over the weekend. Accumulating snow should only be a few inches near pass levels on Friday.

9.00
7.00
5.50
4.50
3.50
2.75
2.25
1.75
1.25
0.88
0.62
0.32
0.17
0.05

Inches



5-Day Gridded Forecast Precipitation: 02/03/15 0300 hours to 02/08/15 0800 hours



Precipitation (inches)



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WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

An upper ridge of high pressure will bring warming and drying conditions through Wednesday. Rain and wind will arrive early Thursday and remain through the weekend. Periods of heavy rainfall are likely Thursday and Friday along with gusty coastal and ridge top winds.

Medford Weather:

Moderate to heavy rain is expected Thursday into the weekend. Snow levels will be high during this time, so precipitation will fall as rain. Rainfall totals from Thursday to Saturday could range from 3 to 6 inches in western Siskiyou County. Heavy rain could cause mud and rock slides and flash flooding near wildfire burn scar areas in western Siskiyou County.

Reno Weather:

A strong Pacific storm will affect the region beginning Thursday as winds increase and become very strong by Friday. Rain will begin Thursday night over northeast California with a period of heavy rain and high elevation snow along the Sierra Crest Friday into Saturday morning. After a brief break Sunday another storm is possible Sunday night and Monday.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure will maintain dry and mild weather across the region today. A Pacific weather system is expected to spread rain across the area starting Thursday and continuing into the weekend. Heaviest rainfall is expected to be across the North Bay along with coastal ranges. Locally strong and gusty winds are also likely by late Thursday night, especially for North Bay coastal and higher elevation locations.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry conditions though Wednesday with partly cloudy skies. Above normal temperatures expected the rest of the week. Patchy late night and early morning fog in the southern Valley the next few days. Significant precipitation event likely for the region Thursday into Monday, with the best moderate to heavy rain chances along the coastal range and over the northern interior with some chances of rain mainly staying north of I-80.

Hanford Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will bring dry weather and above normal afternoon temperatures to the central California interior through at least Thursday with patchy late night and morning fog in the San Joaquin valley. Look for increasing clouds Friday with a chance of rain and high elevation snow beginning Friday night.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Mild and dry conditions across the region through Thursday along with night through morning coastal low clouds and fog. Rain is likely across the central coast with a chance of precipitation as far south as Ventura County later Friday and Saturday. Cooler temperatures and partly to mostly cloudy skies elsewhere. Temperatures will warm again next week with possible Santa Ana winds returning.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

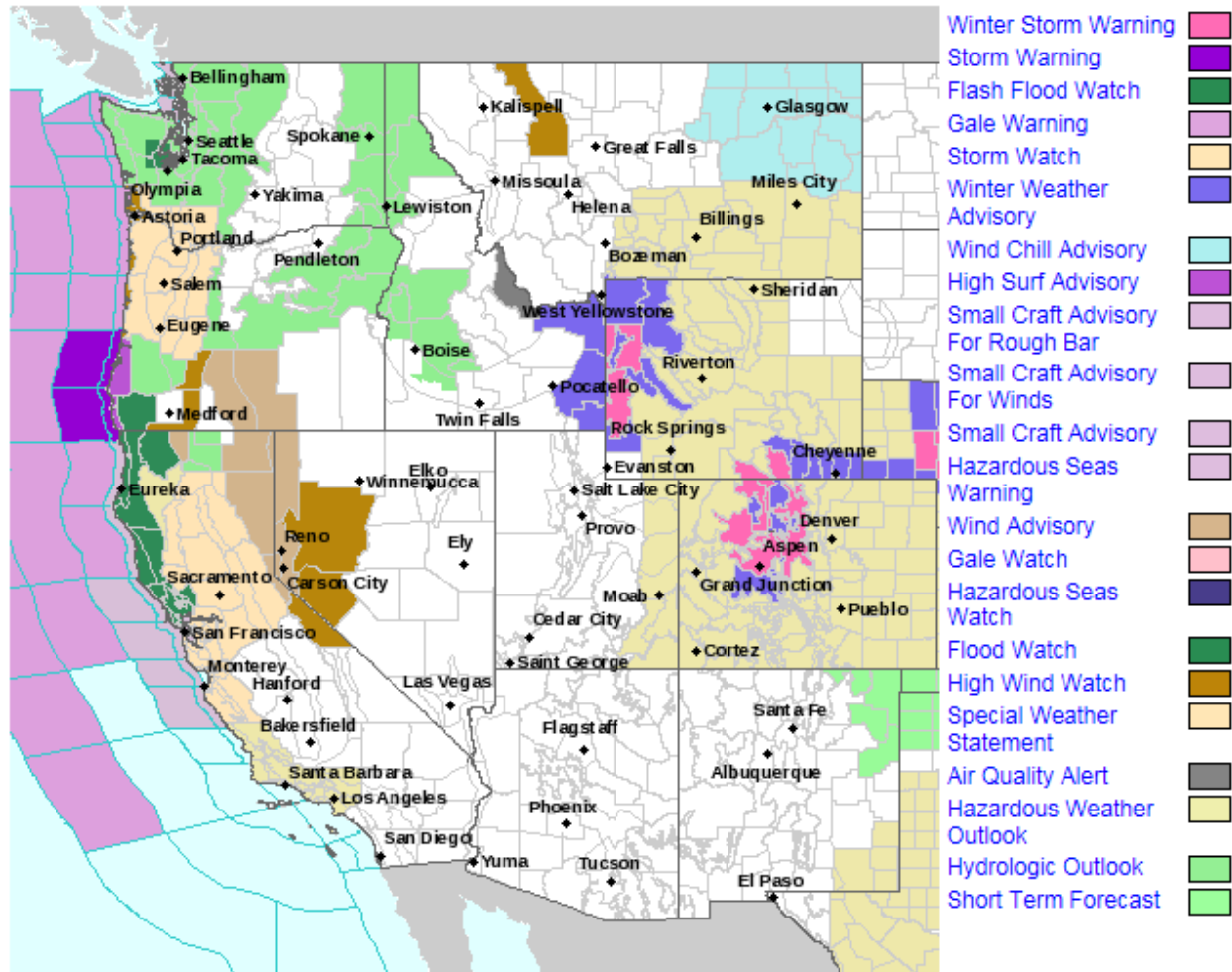
High pressure will bring warm and dry weather through early next week. Low clouds and fog from a shallow marine layer will impact coastal areas and western valleys during the nights and mornings.

Southeast California Weather:

High pressure will remain in control across the area through Thursday resulting in mild conditions and dry weather. A weather disturbance will bring the chance of showers and strong winds to the Sierra and Owens Valley Friday afternoon into Saturday. Elsewhere conditions will remain mild and dry through the weekend with just occasional high clouds.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Feb, 4th 2015 at 10:24:15 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 15 have withdrawn for a total of 48 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/31/2015.
- Currently, 95 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 78 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 19 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERGy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- Assistance Centers – The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

- On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.